

October 13, 2005

Ref: 371-13488

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Disc Bol 15 Sand, Reservoir A
NORTH FRESHWATER BAYOU FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Union Oil Company of California

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Union Oil Company of California** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Disc Bol 15 Sand, Reservoir A, North Freshwater Bayou Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 682 acres for the Disc Bol 15 Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the DB 15 RA SUC, North Freshwater Bayou Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and unit will for the unit created herein;
5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Disc Bol 15 Sand, Reservoir A in the North Freshwater Bayou Field is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between

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the measured depths of 15,383 feet and 15,463 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Union Exploration Partners, Ltd. No. F-18 Well, located in Section 9, Township 16 South, Range 2 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on September 1, 2005. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Remy Williams presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Bates on behalf of ExxonMobil presented a counterplan excluding much of the southern part of the unit. Mr. Sturlese on behalf of the Vermilion parish School Board reserved his rights. The parties are continuing their efforts to reconcile differences. There may be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the DB 15 RA SUA, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Remy Williams of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

